

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL JEFF PAUL OF THE SOUTHLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Jeff Paul of the Southlake Police Department in Southlake, Texas. Corporal Paul was honored yesterday, September 7th, by the Southlake Baptist Church during a special service for first responders. His years of selfless service, at times in the face of personal adversity, demonstrate his being an outstanding officer and citizen.

Corporal Paul was raised near Chicago but has lived in northeast Tarrant County, Texas, for 27 years. Paul began his career in law enforcement as a Police Explorer in the early 1980s and then quickly became a Public Safety Dispatcher. In 1983, he joined the Southlake Department of Public Safety and, after briefly being a Reserve Police Officer, became a full-time Police Officer. He helped implement the Southlake Police Department's first traffic division in 1989. Later on, in 2002, Paul became a Warrant Officer and Bailiff in the Southlake Municipal Court, and he continues to serve in that role.

In his time with the Southlake Police Department, Corporal Paul was trained as an accident reconstructionist and an Intoxilyzer operator. He is a graduate of the School of Police Supervision at the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and has earned his Master Peace Officer Certification.

Paul is married with two sons and one grandson, and he thoroughly enjoys attending Dallas Stars hockey games as his favorite pastime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Corporal Jeff Paul for his career of service and sacrifice.

HONORABLE RICHARD M. FREID

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Richard M. Freid who was celebrated for his retirement from judicial service on Friday, August 8, 2014 by his friends, family, and coworkers. He retires after a long career in which he faithfully upheld New Jersey's Constitution.

The Honorable Richard M. Freid is a graduate of Paterson's Eastside High School, Montclair State College and Rutgers School of Law.

Judge Freid was motivated by his uncle, the late Judge Edwin J. Nyklewicz, who became a role model and mentor who pushed him to attend law school.

Early in his legal career he developed a specialization in the representation of law enforcement officers of all ranks from entry level officers through Police Chiefs. He served as personal counsel to five Chiefs of Police for the City of Paterson and in branches from local, county and state police departments in

all types of cases. Judge Freid enjoyed a perfect record of success in all of those cases which proceeded to a jury verdict.

He also served as Counsel to the Paterson Hispanic Police Association and as Counsel to the Italian-American Police Officers Association of New Jersey. He was a proud recipient of New Jersey PBA's Silver Card, its highest civilian award, in 1992 and still treasures many of the close friendships he made in the over 30 years of such service.

Judge Freid was appointed in 2004 by Governor McGreevy to the Superior Court of New Jersey and reappointed with tenure in 2011 by Governor Christie. He has served nine of his ten years on the bench in the Family Division and has sat in every case type possible in the Family Division except Juvenile Court.

His first year of judicial service was in Essex County where he was "taken under the wing" of Judge Peter Ryan who he credits with making his transition from Bar to Bench an easy one. Judge Ryan mentored him in both the application of the law but, more importantly, with how to approach each day on the bench with a common touch and with some degree of humor when the circumstance permitted. Judge Freid continues to experience their close friendship to this day.

Although Judge Freid was required to retire from regular active Judicial service at age 70 pursuant to the New Jersey Constitution, he sought reappointment to recall service. Chief Justice Rabner signed that order which permitted Judge Freid to continue to serve here in Passaic County until his retirement this year.

He was a lifelong resident of the City of Paterson until 1998 when he moved to Hawthorne and then to North Haledon in 2004, where he currently resides with his wife State Senator Nellie Pou. Together they have four children, Christopher Freid, Jennifer Jaworowski, Edwin Pou II, and Taina Pou, along with four grandchildren.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals like the Honorable Richard M. Freid.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Hon. Judge Freid's family, friends, coworkers, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the Honorable Richard M. Freid.

IN MEMORY OF MIKE HOPKINS,
SR.

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor Mike Hopkins, Sr.

He came into this world right outside the Texas state line on September 16, 1944, but became a Texan just as soon as he could.

Elizabeth Marie & David Flinnoy Hopkins raised a man who was a Texan deep in his heart—a man who leaves behind a legacy of achievement and purpose that his children embody.

Mike's son worked in my Washington, D.C. office and only left us to return to Texas to continue his education and start his family.

Clearly he was raised right by a father who considered serving his community not just a necessity, but an honor.

Mike's personal philosophy of "Pass-It-On" has led many across our state to do the right thing. Because a person's legacy is all about the foundation they built with their heart and their spirit, to do the right thing for the right reasons with integrity and character.

From Mike's early days in Galveston, to his studies at Texas A&M University, his service to our nation as a proud Marine, and then a community-minded business man, those who knew him and learned from him were blessed to have a true visionary as a mentor and a friend.

Many didn't know Mike was the personal driver for General O.R. Simpson. With hard work and determination, he went from Marine to barkeeper to successful businessman.

You don't win by giving up. Mike believed you won by outworking the other guy and using your head. Those who knew Mike knew his three A's of success: Ability, Aptitude and Ambition.

On July 14, 2014, Mike Hopkins, Sr. passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Brenham, Texas. Nina, his wife of nearly four decades was right by his side.

He leaves a strong legacy at Mike Hopkins Distributing Company and at the Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas.

Our thoughts are with Nina, Holly, Mike Jr., and his grandson Tyler.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Township of Ocean Historical Museum as it celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Since its founding, the Township of Ocean Historical Museum has continued to fulfill its mission of preserving and promoting local history through exhibits, archives, publications, events and educational programs. Its ongoing efforts are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The Township of Ocean Historical Museum was officially incorporated on April 25, 1984 and was located in a classroom of the former Oakhurst School. The previous year, the Township of Ocean Historical Society, which was founded in 1970 to promote and preserve local, county and state history, merged with the Township of Ocean Historical Museum Association to establish the Museum. Over the years, the Museum continued to grow and in 2009, after several years of restoration, the Museum was opened in the historic Eden Woolley House.

Volunteers have been the backbone of the Museum since its beginning and continue to maintain and support it. It was a group of residents who had presented the community museum idea to the Board of Education in 1983. Volunteer efforts also helped advance the restoration of the Eden Woolley House through fundraising as well as some hands-on work. Today, the Museum boasts a membership of more than 400 families and many of the founding members are still active volunteers.

The Township of Ocean Historical Museum has grown considerably since it opened in a local classroom. It has two permanent exhibits and a third exhibit that changes annually; holds programs and events; produces a newsletter and much more. It is an important fixture to the community and has been recognized three times as the "Best Local Museum" by the Asbury Park Press Readers Poll.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the outstanding historical efforts of the Township of Ocean Historical Museum and congratulating it on 30 successful years.

HONORING JAMES BICEK ON HIS
70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Bicek, a very active resident of my district, who is celebrating his 70th birthday.

Jim Bicek was born on September 6th, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His family moved to the Chicago area shortly after his birth due to his father's military service. Since then, Jim has always lived in the area, growing up with his three younger siblings and raising his two daughters, Jennifer and Tricia.

Jim dedicated his professional life to the community he loved and pursued a career as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Markham Courthouse. He retired after 35 years of service on May 31st, 2009. While working at the courthouse Jim met Louise, and they married on September 19th, 2009, shortly after he retired. The two currently reside in Tinley Park, Illinois.

In his spare time, Jim is an avid singer. He began singing at the age of seven, following in the footsteps of his mother. For the past 11 years, Jim has been a member of a barber-shop chorus where he sings lead in the four-part harmony. Jim and his wife also volunteer as local senior advocates in their community.

Jim Bicek is a beloved and cherished husband, father, and grandfather to 11 grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jim Bicek a happy 70th birthday, and to thank him for being such a great contributor to his community and our nation.

RAYMOND SIPPLE RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Raymond Sipple on his retirement from the Bucks Township Board of Supervisors after 30 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Sipple was first elected to the Buck Township Board of Supervisors in 1980 and became chairman in January of 2000, a position he held until his retirement this past June. He is known as an honest man with a deep love for his community. A lifelong resident of our area, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the hard earned money of his constituents was spent wisely, going so far as to never

vote to raise taxes. Even though his dear wife Betty, who passed in 2012, is not here to mark this milestone with him, I know he is excited to enjoy his retirement with his children, Frankie, Joey, Jimmy, Ann Marie, and Kathleen, 14 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, for thirty years of exemplary civil service to the citizens of Bucks Township, I thank Mr. Sipple and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEWIS SAXON
SHUBERT FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, In the late 1700's, the Lewis Saxon Shubert family began with their oldest known family ancestor Amy Sharpe in Burke County, Georgia; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Lewis Saxon Shubert family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Lewis Saxon Shubert family who are some of our most productive citizens; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Lewis Saxon Shubert family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Lewis Saxon Shubert family; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 20, 2014 as The Lewis Saxon Shubert Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of July, 2014.

IN HONOR OF DR. EUNICE S.
THOMAS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished public servant, devoted educator and dear friend to my wife, Vivian and me, Dr. Eunice S. Thomas. Sadly, Dr. Thomas passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2014. Her life will be celebrated at a funeral service on Friday, August 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Thomas worked for four cabinet level secretaries in the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Labor, and

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) during two consecutive United States Presidents' Administrations. At HHS, she worked as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Family Support Administration, managing a staff of more than 1,049 and a budget in excess of \$14 billion. She administered federal programs focused on strengthening families and increasing their self-sufficiency, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Child Support Enforcement, Refugee Resettlement, and the Community Services programs. She directed the Implementation of Welfare reform as was embodied in the Family Support Act in 1988.

Dr. Thomas retired from HHS as Director of the Office of Community Services Administration for Children and Families where she oversaw the Community Services Block Grant, Social Services Block Grant, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance, the Family Violence Program, Demonstration Partnership Programs, and the Community Discretionary programs while managing a budget in excess of \$5.9 billion.

Dr. Thomas loved her community and loved her sorority and found a way to give her all to both when she became the 19th International Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in July 1986 at the 66th Anniversary Boulé. Her service led to one of Zeta's finest administrations, restructuring the organization and creating programs that reflected strong and effective leadership with integrity, compassion, and a sense of social responsibility. Programs were instated to address issues such as substance abuse, AIDS Awareness, lack of after school and child care, the decline of black men in college, and the rise in teen pregnancy rates. For her efforts, Ebony magazine named Grand Basileus Thomas one of the 100 Influential Black Americans each year from 1987 to 1992 and in 1987, President George H.W. Bush selected Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. as one of the "Thousand Points of Light." She was affectionately nicknamed the "Real Grand" because of the reverence so many Zetas had for her to the extent that the membership wanted to extend her term in office beyond the maximum six years, but she graciously declined. She was an active member of Epsilon Eta Zeta Chapter in Columbus, Georgia for over 45 years at the time of her death. She was instrumental in getting Kappa Epsilon Chapter chartered at Columbus State University (Columbus College) in 1974 while she was the Southeastern Regional Director.

In addition to her mentorship and guidance of Zetas of all ages, she touched and enriched the lives of countless young people during her time as an educator in the Muscogee County School System.

Dr. Thomas was more than a civil servant, she was a servant to all humankind. She gave herself to so many causes and organizations that are too numerous to mention. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that, "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Dr. Thomas threw a prodigious amount of love and service back to the Columbus, Georgia community and our nation that she loved so dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Dr. Eunice S. Thomas for her